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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Dr. Glen Duerr, associate professor of international studies, is publishing a book on the intersection of faith and politics. "Patriotism and the Cross: A Theology of Nationalism" explores the Christian's relationship to government and is expected to be published in early 2021.

Duerr, who has published two books and authored more than 30 journal articles, was inspired to write his newest book by a sermon he heard at church. Encouraged by his pastor and department chair, Duerr integrated his extensive work on nationalism with Scripture.

"I see this as the first in a trilogy of books covering different political topics surveying what Scripture has dared to say on various matters," said Duerr. "It's an open contribution to the literature both for scholars and laypersons alike to better wrestle with political questions and go back to God's word and see what it says."

"Patriotism and the Cross: A Theology of Nationalism" provides a spectrum of where people can exist in their relationship with governments. Bringing political concerns and the Christian's response under the authority of Scripture, Duerr addresses topics such as patriotism, supranationalism, transnationalism and regional identity. And, ultimately, he argues a biblical worldview changes how one approaches politics and government.

"When we think about our faith, it is global and connects brothers and sisters in Christ across different boundaries," said Duerr. "The gospel is still relevant today because the church transcends social, cultural and political differences."

Duerr hopes that the principles in his book will be helpful for generations to come, even in the midst of a rapidly globalizing, ever-changing world. "I've tried to be very forward-thinking to give conclusions for the Christian regardless of where and how things change," said Duerr. "I want it to be relevant for believers in Christ 100 years from now."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, including the [Bachelor of Arts in International Studies](#) program, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

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